

**REMARKS**

This is in full and timely response to the election of invention requirement of June 20, 2005. A petition to extend the time for this response to within the first extended month accompanies this submission.

**Priority Claim**

It is noted with appreciation that the election requirement acknowledged the priority claim and the submission of certified copies in support of that claim.

**Preliminary Amendment**

The Action purports to be responsive to papers filed on March 19, 2004. Those papers include a preliminary amendment with minor amendments to the claims as submitted. Accordingly, the version of claims here presented is that of the preliminary amendment.

**Election Response**

The Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby provisionally elects the invention of Group I, having claims 1 to 7 and 15 to 20. A divisional application as of right will soon be filed for the non-elected invention of Group II, having claims 8 to 14; accordingly, the non-elected claims are here canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter.

Early action on the merits of the claims of the elected invention is respectfully solicited.

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